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## California Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Diego Region

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March 17, 2003

To: Interested / Affected Agencies

Dear Representatives:

RE: REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION (WATER CODE SECTION 13304.1):
TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2003-0111: "GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE
REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES OF TREATED GROUNDWATER FROM
VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND IMPACTED SITES TO LAND IN THE
SAN DIEGO REGION"

Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board), is requesting consultation pursuant to Water Code section 13304.1 regarding Tentative Order R9-2003-0111. A copy of the Tentative Order is available for your review and comment at <a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/</a> under Hot Water News. Pursuant to Water Code section 13304.1, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, (Regional Board) is requesting consultation on the Tentative Order. Section 13304.1 states (in part), "...the regional board shall consult with the affected groundwater management entity, if any, affected public water systems, and the State Department of Health Services to ensure that the discharge, spreading, or injection of the treated groundwater will not adversely affect the beneficial uses of any groundwater basin or surface water body that is or may be used by a public water system for the provision of drinking water."

The Tentative Order, if adopted, would regulate discharges of extracted groundwater, after the groundwater has been treated to remove volatile organic compounds, to land. The Tentative Order applies to groundwater cleanup sites throughout the San Diego Region. The treated groundwater would be discharged into the same basin from which it was extracted. Discharges to be regulated under the Tentative Order would pose a low threat to groundwater quality, because discharge limitations would ensure that the treated groundwater would have the same or better water quality than the receiving groundwater, even though the water quality of both might exceed applicable water quality objectives in the Regional Water Quality Control Plan, San Diego Basin. The Tentative Order also requires that, prior to seeking regulation of a discharge under the Order, the discharger(s) must notify and consult with the affected groundwater management entity, if any, affected public water systems, and the State Department of Health Services to inform them of the intended action. The discharger(s) must submit the comments of the affected agencies on the proposed discharge along with a Report of Waste Discharge to the Regional Board.

## California Environmental Protection Agency

The Regional Board intends to consider adoption of this Tentative Order on June 11, 2003. The June 11, 2003 Board meeting will commence at 9:00 A.M. and is open to public participation. The meeting will be held at the offices of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, California. Written comments on the Tentative Order are due to the Regional Board on or before April 16, 2003. Written comments submitted by regular mail should be addressed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123-4340 ATTN: Mr. Keith Elliot

Email comments may be submitted to Mr. Elliot at <a href="ellik@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov">ellik@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov</a>. If you prefer to review a paper copy of Tentative Order No. R9-2003-0111, please contact Mr. Elliot by phone or email, and a copy will be sent to you via regular mail.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Elliot at (858) 467-2798 or me at (858) 627-3926, or by email at <a href="mailto:chanj@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov">chanj@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Julie Chan
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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov.